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"Back to the Middle Ages"



The Editor's Message

SOMETIMES WHEN TRUTH is released after having long been suppressed, it goes too far in the opposite direction and becomes error of a different sort. What Satan can no longer hold back he often overthrows by shoving it forward so violently that it stumbles and falls into the mire.

DEMON POSSESSION

The reality of demon-possession is a current case in point. When I was a young evangelist I lost an admirer by suggesting that a person can be possessed by demons in this day. This person snorted at the idea and questioned my reason. It has been argued that no such thing could possibly be in this enlightened day: we have too much understanding of the psyche and psychoses of man, we know too much about his mind and his aberrant behavior to believe any longer in demons. But what was once hooted at as "medieval" or "superstitious" is now grimly recognized as reality by those who believe the Word of God. The last twenty or twenty-five years have seen a new light on the subject. Demon possession is a truth that was clearly understood in the days of Jesus, and was dealt with as demon possession must be, by the power of God.

Belief in demon possession then ran wild. In the Middle Ages, everything and anything different from the norm might be pronounced demon-possession. So many things were branded demon-possession, and these claims were often so ridiculous and so patently false, that men soon began to doubt the reality of it altogether. Physicians and psychiatrists could diagnose and correct so many conditions that were fanatically called demon-possession that it became easy for men to doubt the reality of any demon operation at all. Thus it was that a Bible truth was staggered by excess; and then it was virtually buried beneath a deluge of "psychological understanding" and naturalism. In short, demon possession began to be called nothing more than disease or disorder.

But through the years of unbelief that followed, demons continued to possess unregenerate men and women, and to confound the learned and wise men. It was a happy day for evil spirits. They could do their work while no one believed they existed. One thing, however, continued to bother those who would not or could not take demon-possession seriously. There were "disorders" that could be neither diag-

nosed nor cured; there were "psychoses" that could be neither analyzed nor corrected; there were evils in the hearts of men that were beyond control or even understanding; there was frequently a force in man that drove him beyond his own desire or will or control. Even though modern man scoffed at the suggestion, the spiritual forces of evil did exist in a modern world as much as in Bible days, and they carried on their work without a great deal of interference or opposition.

ARE THERE DEMONS?

Demons did exist and they do exist. How could man have ever doubted it when the Scripture plainly declares that in the last days "evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived" (2 Timothy 3:13)? If demons could possess men in the days of Christ, and if men were to be even more evil in the last days, then when did demons stop their operation? And why? Men began to ask these questions, and truth began to revive.

Theologians and Bible teachers began to search the Scriptures and began again to acknowledge the existence of demonic powers. In 1930, Dr. A. T. Robertson, commenting on Mark 1:24, stated:

*The whole subject of demonology is difficult, but no more so than the problem of the devil. . . . Usually physical or mental disease accompanied the possession of demons. One wonders today if the degenerates and confirmed criminals so common now are not under the power of demons. The only cure for confirmed criminals seems to be conversion (a new heart).**

In England, Dr. John A. Hutton, editor of the *British Weekly* wrote:

The dark flood sweeping at the souls of men would seem to be under a malignant control. It is so intensified, so contributory in all its parts to one planned result, and one issue, that it must be the work of one mind. Since that one

*Word Pictures in the New Testament, Vol. 1, page 260, Harper.

mind cannot be the mind of God, we are left with no alternative except to say "it is the devil."

In 1937, Dr. Edward Langton, writing in the liberal *Hibbert Journal* declared that naturalism had been driven into a corner by reality and that truth concerning demons must be rediscovered and reasserted.

The time has come when the Church's attitude to the belief in the reality of the demonic powers should be fearlessly re-examined in the light of all the evidence available to the modern student. . . . Having recently had occasion to review the evidence for the belief in demons, historically and critically, from the Middle Ages to the present time, we have been forced to the conclusion that there is far more evidence for the belief in the reality of evil spiritual powers than has been recognized in recent years by Christian theologians.

And so the doctrine of demons was re-examined, and in our day we have seen it reasserted. The devil has ceased to be regarded as a myth or a joke, and demon power is no longer a superstition. Recognized for what it is, the evil can be corrected by bringing it into contact with the power of God.

Psychiatry will not and cannot cure demon possession. Miracle drugs cannot drive out a demon. Medical science is not capable of exorcising a devil. Only the power of God is sufficient. So the devil is at a disadvantage when he or his works are discerned and brought to face the divine power. In our day we have seen devils cast out by His Word, we have seen falsehood exposed and truth revived.

A DIFFERENT FALSEHOOD

But now another danger faces the believer. Suppressed truth has been released and threatens to go into falsehood on another side. Since he could not hold it back, the devil would like to shove truth forward so hard that it will fall on its face.

Our danger is now that of going back into the Middle Ages, that of being so extreme about demonology and making such ridiculous assertions that once again the truth will be discarded along with error. We must recognize it where it exists, but we must not at the same time make such untrue exaggerations about it that we tear down faith and build up fear. We must declare the Word of God and not theories or assumptions or superstitions or fears. One of today's most dangerous assertions is that even Christians are subject to possession by demons.

Specifically, what is the truth concerning demons and the children of God? This misunderstanding of demon power and divine power in the life of the Christian needs to be cleared up. We must know where we stand. We must not go back to the Dark Ages; truth must not fall on its face.

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**NEXT WEEK'S EDITORIAL—
CAN A CHRISTIAN BE DEMON-POSSESSED?**



OCTOBER

MRS. AVIS SWIGER

OCTOBER comes from the Latin word meaning "eight," for it was, in the old Roman calendar, the eighth month of the year. From the time of Julius Caesar it has had thirty-one days and has been the tenth month.

A number of efforts were made to change the name of the month but the people always thought of it as October and never were satisfied to accept the substitutes. For a time it was known as Germanicus, Antonius and Herculeus, in honor of Roman emperors. One attempt was made to rename it Faustinus in honor of the wife of Antonius but that also failed for lack of interest. The Slavs call it the "yellow month" because of the fading of the leaves.

Late in October there comes a short period of warm days which reminds one of summer again, even though the leaves have already turned russet, gold and crimson. In North America this season has been called *Indian Summer* since about 1794. There are some legends which give possible reasons for this name. In Europe it is sometimes called *Old Woman's Summer*, *All Hallow Summer* and *Saint Martin's Summer*.

Many persons are seeking to change the ways of Christianity that they may honor the opinions of men of the world. As men refused to accept a different name for October but held to the original one, so may we always cleave to the "faith that was once delivered to the saints." Every effort to change the plan of God will fail and those who try to do so will be failures. The only real victors are those who stand fast in the faith.



My Trip to Europe and South Africa

By Houston R. Morehead

General Overseer

PART II

FROM BOLINGEN WE motored to Zurich, Switzerland, where we boarded a plane which was the beginning of our long trip by air to Johannesburg, South Africa. Our schedule called for a change of planes at Rome, Italy. From there we flew BOAC to South Africa. We were delayed a few hours at Rome due to engine trouble which we later learned made it necessary for them to install a new motor. I am really thankful that this all took place on the ground. It was near midnight when our plane lifted from the runway of Campino Airport in Rome. During the night we crossed the blue waters of the Mediterranean Sea. The plane turned its nose southward upon reaching the continent of Africa. The darkness began to fade as the beautiful light of a new day was breaking forth on the eastern horizon, revealing the vast continent of Africa. How my heart yearned and my soul prayed unto God that He would help us to reach the unreached of this vast continent!

We continued our flight throughout the day with a few stops for service and refueling of the plane. Our last stop prior to our arrival in Johannesburg was Salisbury, Rhodesia. The sun had set, the first star of the evening was shining brightly. It seemed to express a welcome to all of us from the great continent of Africa. We had but settled ourselves in the plane and within an hour or so we were seeing the lights of Johannesburg. It is a beautiful and prosperous city of more than a million people. I was thankful to God that He had brought us safely to this city.

As soon as Mrs. Morehead and I alighted from the plane we could see a group of our church people waving a warm and cordial welcome to us from the airport. In a short time we were joined in the customs room by Brother Oscar Changulon who aided us in passing through the routine of customs. In the commodious waiting room we were surrounded by quite

a group of our laymen and ministers of South Africa. Among them were the Reverend W. S. Green, Assistant General Superintendent of the Church in Southern Africa, and his son; the Reverend and Mrs. M. G. McLuhan and their lovely family; the Reverend Fernando Lopes, our missionary from the Belgium Congo; and the Reverend and Mrs. Oscar Changulon who are loved and appreciated by all who know them. They presented Mrs. Morehead with a beautiful bouquet of roses. We were delighted to meet again friends and fellow churchmen of Africa. We enjoyed a delightful visit with all over a cup of tea in the lounge in the airport, after which we motored to Irene where the camp is located.

On Saturday morning, the following day, Brother and Sister McLuhan and the family and Mrs. Morehead and I departed from Irene en route to Pietermaritzburg in Natal. It was a pleasurable drive; however, the sun was quite hot during most of the day. We arrived in Pietermaritzburg rather late. It was almost church time. We drove directly to the parsonage where we were given a warm Christian welcome by Dr. J. Howard Brown and his wife and family. Mrs. Brown had prepared a delicious dinner for us. However, I must admit I ate but little, knowing I must dress for the service and have a few minutes' time, if at all possible, for prayer and meditation before going to the church. Arriving at the church, I was inspired to see the large auditorium well filled. The singing was most impressive and edifying. It was indeed uplifting and inspirational to address such a lovely congregation. The people were very kind in indicating their appreciation for the sermon. I trust I served the purpose of my Master well on this occasion.

Sunday morning we motored to Durban, South Africa, which is situated on the Indian Ocean. We
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1] Israel—Tel Aviv from Dan Hotel.



3] Easter—Walls of Jerusalem—Pilgrims

2] THE SODOM AREA AND THE DEAD SEA

One of the hottest and most forbidding areas of the world is to be found at the southern end of the Dead Sea, the site of ancient Sodom and Gomorrah. The mountains of salt and the near-by cave of David, where he and his men may have stopped in their flight from King Saul, conjur up vivid scenes of the Biblical past.

Today, a modern asphalt road, traversing a bad-lands area reminiscent of South Dakota, connects Sodom with Beersheba. Trucks carry out potash which has been extracted by a modern plant, a part of which is visible in the above picture. While the sea has always been referred to as "dead" the vital materials being extracted are producing potash fertilizers which are making it possible for Israel to reclaim thousands of acres of wasted land. Paradoxically, the Dead Sea is thus today giving life to barren lands. A plan to re-establish a potash plant at the northern end of the Dead Sea, in the State of Jordan, is also in operation.

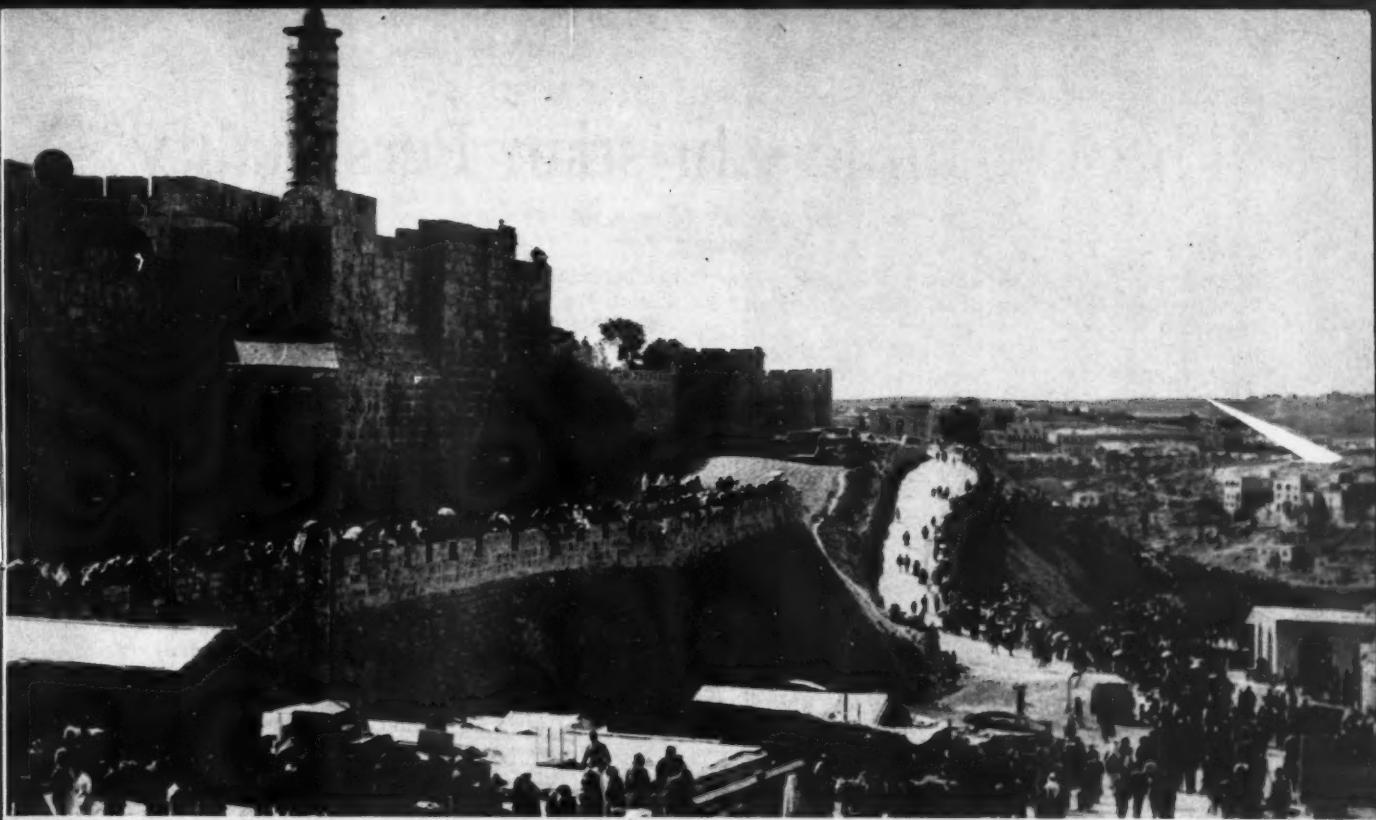
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ISRAEL (PALESTINE AREA)
ZION SQUARE, IN "NEW JERUSALEM" is the heart of Israel's capital. Though only a few hundred yards away, this bustling metropolis is centuries removed from the ancient walled city of Jerusalem in which are most of the Christian holy places.

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea,"
Isaiah 11:11.

"Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel," Ezekiel 37:12.





ISRAEL — God's Irrefutable Timepiece

By George L. Britt Pastor, Greer, South Carolina

HIS AGED HEART pounded laboriously that hot summer day of 1948. Hot tears of joy trickled down the leathery face wrinkled by ninety years of life lived under the torrid sun of Yemen. The deep-set eyes in the mummylike face showed emotions too deep for the tongue to express. These emotions were wrung from a human heart by the climactic end of ninety years of faith and hope. The object of his faith lay there beneath the wings of the large four-motored plane. Now, at last, his long-cherished hope had ended in sight. As the plane reduced its speed and began to circle for a landing this son of Abraham strained with eagerness to see more of the land promised Abraham and his seed 3,870 years before that particular summer day. The shadow of the plane glided swiftly and silently over the same terrain touched by the feet of Jonah as he tried to flee from the Lord. The plane landed at the airport of Tel Aviv, the city built in 1909, just three miles north of the same spot on which Joppa stood. This modern commercial city, however, was 2,800 years removed from the Joppa of Jonah's day.

As the plane taxied to a stop, young excited Jews pressed toward the exit of the plane, forcing the aged

Jew and his son of threescore years to be the last passengers to depart. The old man was rendered immobile by the deep emotions surging in his breast plus his great age. It was so difficult for him to realize, yet it was true, that he was seeing what many prophets had foretold, had believed, and had hoped to see, but had died without seeing. His ancestors for 1,900 years had lived as aliens in the hot, dry country of Yemen. They had carefully copied and preserved the scrolls containing the promises of God that He would regather Israel. The sixty-year-old son carried his frail father pickaback fashion off the plane. When the old man's feet touched the soil promised to Abraham and his seed, he fell prostrate, convulsed with deep emotions. He grasped handfuls of soil, kissed it and cried, "God has kept His promises to Israel."

The pilots of the planes and the sailors of the ships that were bringing Jews from almost every country in the world to Tel Aviv and Haifa, were unaware that they had a rendezvous with destiny. God was permitting them to participate in the most momentous event in 2,000 years. God was fulfilling His promises made through the prophets to Israel and the world that He

The Dynamic Christian Personality

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Text: "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind," 2 Timothy 1:7.

NO PERSONALITY IS complete without redemption. One can meet all the standards set up for a perfect personality by the authorities in the field, but even when these standards are met in full there is still something lacking in that personality that can be satisfied only by the saving power of the blood of Jesus Christ. Many Christians have the idea, however, that we are an inferior or second-rate people. Some think we are subject to failure more than other people and that we must go around with a look of guilt on our countenances all the time. They believe that because we have accepted Christ and His teachings we must settle for and be satisfied with a simple and ordinary life. We must go about in a helpless manner exhibiting a spirit of fear and of inadequacy. These things, however, are very contrary to what an acceptance of Christ offers to an individual. In the promise of our text given to Timothy by Paul we have the remedy for all these ills of personality make-up. We have in this verse the three foundational supports for the dynamic personality which Christ gives to us.

When Jesus Christ comes into a life the spirit of fear is cast out completely, and in its stead comes the spirit of love. Doubtlessly we all have at some time in our lives experienced a feeling of fear as to the future. We have wondered just what will become of us. An acceptance of Christ, however, discards immediately all doubts and fears as to the future. When we experience the redeeming power of our Lord we can be certain of our destination and know that our future is in the hands of One who is above all. This experience with Jesus fills our hearts with love, and where love is there can be no fear. John said in 1 John 4:18, "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love." When we acquire that perfect love for God, we will not longer fear anything in life.

In human nature the love of one's country, home, wife, or children makes even the most timid bold. So it is with our spiritual life. When we possess a love for Christ and for the lost souls of a dying world, it matters not that we may have been shy or backward before, for that same love will push the soul on to great enterprises and accomplishments for Him. This same love will also sustain us in the deepest sorrow. Nothing will do more to inspire courage and make man fearless of dangers and ready to endure persecution than the love of God. Yes, Christ brings to our hearts that warmth of feeling experienced in love; and when our fears are cast out and replaced by love,

our personality is then more complete and more useful in the service of our Master.

Not only does the coming of Christ into a life cast out fear and bring love, but it also replaces helplessness with power. Too many professed Christians go around today with their hands tied behind them in an attitude of helplessness and weakness. One does not have to strain his eyes to observe this very thing right around him. However, this is not the desire or will of our Master. God wishes to be served with our strength, not with our weakness. Jesus, in the last words to His disciples, said in Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." This power came to the disciples on the Day of Pentecost. It was energy communicated by Him to His followers, through which they were enabled to work miracles and do mighty things for Christ.

God's miracle-working power can be just as evident in our lives today as it was then. We have not left the days of miracles behind, but Christ can be and should be just as powerful and as real through our lives as He was in the days when He walked along the Sea of Galilee offering a healing transformation to the multitudes that believed in Him. Yes, anything less than the full power of God received with the experience of the Holy Ghost means a personality less than its best.

Along with love and a life of power, a true experience with Christ gives us the spirit of a sound mind. The personalities of many persons are weakened considerably because of worry, conflict, and ignorance. They indulge in unwholesome thinking and lead immoral and unclean lives. Again God wishes to be served not with ignorance but with our well-disciplined thoughts and actions. In an experience with Him we can receive clear understanding and sound judgment. He takes away selfishness and gives us an attitude of unselfish service for others. He causes us to think, speak, and act right in all things. This life He gives us is a life of mental peace and joy; it is life in abundance!

It is regrettable that so many lives of potential usefulness are largely wasted simply because they fail to learn and use the reality of the promises of the Bible. Christ said in Matthew 11:28, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." In this verse we have the answer to our problems. We can place our fears, inferiorities, failures, and all the rest of our liabilities at the foot of the cross, and through the miracle of His transforming power we can see them turned into shining possibilities for service in His kingdom. Let us then take advantage of the personality which Christ offers us and, by doing so, make that little light of ours into a bigger, brighter, and more useful light to shine for the Master!



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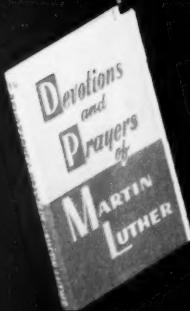
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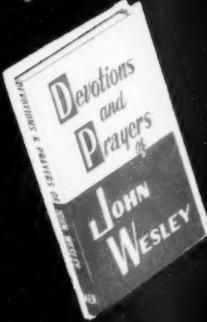
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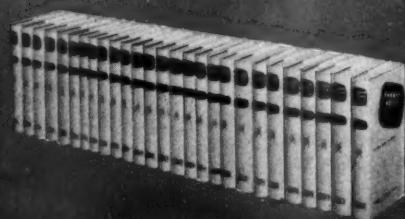
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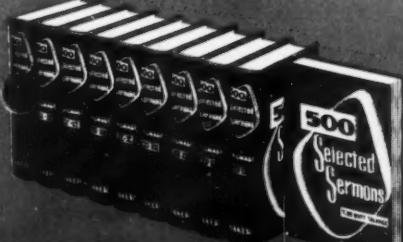
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The War Is Over

By Wayne McAfee

Missionary to Brazil

JO THINK THAT THE war had been over several years now was something hard to understand. Incredible as it seemed, it must be true. The war was over. The Japanese soldier shook his head in disbelief, while his heart beat happily in relief. He had penetrated so far into the Philippine jungles with his comrades that they had been considered casualties of the war. It was only a few months ago that they were informed by some members of an exploration trip who just happened to wander by that the war was over. It was a thrilling and a pathetic

moment for one soldier, not having understood the message, after all those years of waiting; he had feared becoming a prisoner of war and would choose suicide to "surrender." The battle they fought had already been lost. World War II was closed history. Had they surrendered long ago, they would have been home with loved ones and back in civilization far from the cruelty of tropical jungles.

But what of your battles? Are you not in the same condition as the Japanese soldiers? Aren't you still fighting and holding on with tenacity to your private war? Let me give you the same message the Japanese soldiers received: the war is over! Christ won the battle many years ago on Calvary.

Suppose you are a sinner and you know you have failed your Maker. You want to be pure in heart, for you are convinced that "blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." For years now you have fought the battle to make your heart pure and keep it pure. Year after year you have resolved, but to no avail. Your war is over! Christ won it for you. "For when we were yet without strength . . . Christ died for the ungodly," Romans 5:6. "Wherefore he is able to save them to the uttermost that come to God by him," Hebrews 7:25.

Maybe you are just waiting until you by yourself can become a little better before coming to Christ. You just hate to go to Him as tired, dirty and sick in sin as you are. Remember the prodigal son. He went home just as he was. A sick man should not wait until he is nearly well to find a doctor. Jesus said, "They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance," Matthew 9:12, 13.

Wherever you turn, the Bible shouts the glad news—the war is over! Put your battles in Christ's hands. Surrender! This time surrender will bring victory for you and not defeat, and the peace you have long fought and sought for will be yours. "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus . . .," Romans 8:1. Your war is over, too—in Christ.

The steps of formal "surrender" to Christ are simple:

1. Repent: "For godly sorrow worketh repentance . . .," 2 Corinthians 7:10.
2. Confess your sins: "For I acknowledge my transgressions . . . against thee . . . have I sinned . . .," Psalm 51:3, 4.
3. Forsake your old way of trying to win your own battles: "Let the wicked forsake his way, and . . . let him return unto the Lord . . .," Isa. 55:7. Remember that the war is over now.
4. Believe Christ is able: "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass," Psalm 37:5.
5. Confess Christ as Saviour and Lord: "Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed," Romans 10:11.

Surrender today. Don't commit spiritual suicide. Surrender, and go home—to Jesus. The war is over.

REVIVALS

In the early spring of 1957, the pastors of the Churches of God in the Chicago area were moved with the pressing need of a city-wide revival. After much prayer and seeking the will of God, we secured Vep Ellis and his evangelistic party for the endeavor. The pastors had a meeting and formed an association, electing Brother Wayne S. Proctor, pastor of the Summit Church of God, as the chairman. Committees such as publicity, personal workers and prearrangement committees were selected. These committees, with others, began to lay the foundation for the revival. By this time, we had begun to realize more than ever before that God was in the thing.

After several months of planning and hard work, it came time for the opening service of the revival. The meeting was scheduled for August 16-25. The huge tent had arrived and had been erected by the good men of the churches of this area. A thirteen-acre tract of land was leased at Halsted and 138th Streets in Chicago. Some predicted that there would never be even 200 persons in any service. The first night there were about 275 in the tent. God moved in a mighty way in the opening service. Brother Ellis called all cooperating ministers to the platform, then asked all to dedicate themselves to God for this revival specifically.

At the time of this writing, we do not have the personal workers' report, but we do know there were hundreds of experiences. On Sunday afternoons, there were about 675 persons in the services. God moved in such a mighty way, the meeting was extended another week beyond what was originally planned. The expense was great; in fact, some stated, "You'll never meet the expense of the meeting." But thanks be unto God, all expenses were met (\$2,250), and we gave Brother Ellis an offering on his tent besides.

We had heard the rumor that Brother Ellis was about to leave the

Vep Ellis Campaign in Chicago, Illinois

Church, but we, the cooperating pastors of the Church of God in the Chicago area, are wholeheartedly behind Brother Ellis. There is not the least fear that he is anticipating such a step. The Publicity Committee talked with Brother Ellis at length on this subject, and he poured his heart out before us in this way, that he is strictly for the Church. He explained that his greatest ambition is to see the

Church of God have a great revival. One of our pastors testified this way, "I believe that God has raised up Vep Ellis to help bring about a genuine revival in the Church of God." Our prayer is that God will give the Church more men who are interested in pouring their whole effort into the evangelistic phase of the work of God in the Church of God.

In conclusion, we should like to



Vep Ellis campaign, Chicago, Illinois.



Earnest-hearted people coming to God

give you the testimony of three men concerning this revival.

"I feel that this revival is the greatest unified step ever to be taken in the work of the Church in this area. This revival has reached Catholics and many other people who do not believe in the Pentecostal way. We saw them as they were receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost. In my opinion, this has made a mark in history that will never be erased." (John Black, pastor of DeKalb Church of God)

"It cannot be told in the evangelist's language, the unspeakable glory and spiritual benefits of the Vep Ellis Campaign that has just come to a close in Chicago. Lines after lines of people were prayed for—my good wife being one—and she was healed of ulcer of the

stomach." (Joel D. Brown, pastor, Narragansett Street Church of God, Chicago, Illinois)

"I count it a real privilege and pleasure to have been in the Chicago revival conducted by the Reverend Vep Ellis under the huge tent. The crowds far exceeded my expectations. The spirit and the spiritual results were most gratifying. I personally feel that the results of this meeting will be lasting and our churches in and around Chicago will continue to reap after the tent has been removed." (F. W. Goff, Overseer of Illinois)

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Seekers crowd the altar



"Vep" singing with Max Morris at piano

Church Blessed by Revival

LOWELL, N. C.—The Church of God at Lowell, North Carolina, has just closed a week's revival with Brother Millard Maynard, pastor of the Church of God at China Grove, North Carolina, as the evangelist.

I would like to tell of the marvelous outpouring of God's Spirit which was and is still being felt by one and all. It was a thrill to be there every night to listen while the Holy Ghost anointed Brother Maynard to preach messages to us on everyday "holy living."

God was good to us and blessed us every night with the wonderful presence of His Holy Spirit. It seemed that you could actually feel the Spirit of God in the aisles of the church.

Brother Maynard made the statement several times that he felt as Moses must have felt when God told him to take his shoes off, he was standing on holy ground. Nine were saved, 5 sanctified, 5 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 5 added to the Church. We praise the Lord for these wonderful blessings.

Our beloved pastor and his companion are greatly responsible for the harmony and fellowship we feel in our meetings. Brother and Sister E. L. Newton are real Spirit-filled children of God. We appreciate them from the bottom of our hearts. Brother Newton loves his people, but no more than we love him. God has been good to our church and we are still expecting more wonderful blessings from our Lord, the Saviour of the world.

I feel that everyone who attended our revival received a blessing from God and was able to feast on manna from above. Praise the name of the wonderful Lord! Pray for our people and our church.

—Sister Bessie Click, reporter

Ten Converted in Houston Meeting

HOUSTON, Tex.—We are happy to report a wonderful revival at the Rosewood Church of God with Sister Ray Farbman as the evangelist. Ten were saved, 2 sanctified, 2 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 5 added to the Church. Our church was blessed much. Our pastor is the Reverend W. E. Parten.

—Mrs. M. H. Vinson, reporter

Praises God for Revival

BUFORD, Ga.—I should like to report a youth revival here. For the past two weeks we have had a marvelous revival. Souls were saved and many were reunited with the Lord. We praise the Lord tremendously for this. Let us work harder for the Lord and His cause.

—LaVann Cruce, secretary

MY TRIP TO EUROPE AND SOUTH AFRICA

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went directly to the Indian tabernacle. This great missionary enterprise is under the capable leadership of Brother J. F. Rowlands, who is aided by his talented and consecrated brother, Alex Rowlands. We were graciously received by Brother Alex Rowlands in the absence of his brother who is presently traveling around the world. We were also graciously received by several of the Indian ministers. Time or space cannot grant me the privilege of describing my emotions or impressions during this Sunday morning service. Hundreds of born-again Indians who have been brought out of heathen darkness into the glorious light of the gospel of Jesus Christ were there before us singing, praying and adoring our wonderful Saviour, Jesus Christ. More than ten thousand have been brought out of the night by the great mission endeavor of the Rowlands family and their dedicated Indian workers. I preached to them on the subject "Faith, the Victorious Principle of Life." I was humbled as I spoke to this wonderful congregation. Their response was open and warm with kind references to our visit and the sermon.

It was most inspiring to hear the testimony of some of these East Indians, telling how they were brought out of the darkness of a heathen religion into the glorious faith of Jesus Christ. To hear them testify concerning their dedication in personal soul-winning would be an inspiration and challenge to all of us. Many of them dedicate every spare moment possible to the work of personal soul-winning. They say it is the least they can do for Jesus who has done so much for them. My earnest prayer to God is that He will continue to bless and prosper this work under the hand of our Brother Rowlands.

On Sunday afternoon we were privileged to accompany the Reverend Archibald Cooper, superintendent of the native work in Natal, to a rather large auditorium where a Bantu service was already in progress. Several hundred natives were present. The auditorium was well-filled. As we neared the building we could hear their singing—songs which were melodious, harmonious and sung in the minor key. They, like the birds of nature, innately sing in the minor key. As I sat on the platform watching their expressions, hearing the lovely harmony, I knew that most of them experienced little real joy and happiness. Life to them is one great struggle for bread, for shelter and for clothing. But here they sang, rejoicing in their hope through Jesus Christ, their Lord and Master. Harry Mgadi, a handsome native of the Zulu tribe, was the pastor and assistant superintendent in charge. He is an able leader among his people, intellectual and capable.

When they introduced Mrs. Morehead to the audience, the natives clearly indicated their pleasure that she was present by resounding applause. I was then presented to them in order to address them. I spoke to them extemporaneously, centering my message around the cross of Christ. Harry Mgadi served

as my interpreter, which he did in an able and effective manner. I closed my message by giving an altar call. Many came forward, kneeling at the altar to seek Jesus Christ. One man while listening to the preaching of the gospel began to cry out in a loud voice as he ran out of the building. I understood that he was demon-possessed. Later, Brother Mgadi told me that he was set free by the power of God. Quite a number of persons were delivered from the power of demons, oftentimes foaming at the mouth as the demons came forth from them. Many were converted by the power of Jesus Christ during the afternoon. Upon leaving the service we could see masses of people bound by superstition, groping in the night of awful darkness and sin. Oh, how my soul longed to lead them into the light of the cross of Jesus Christ!



GOD'S IRREFUTABLE TIMEPIECE

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would regather Israel. Not all of the seed of Abraham was returning at this time, but a remnant had returned and had hoisted the star of David above the soil of Palestine. After nearly 2,000 years of dispersion there was an Israel again in the economy of nations.

This momentous event failed to have the impact upon this money-mad, pleasure-mad generation that students of prophecy thought that it would have when it came to pass. They hardly paused for comment from their eating, drinking, buying and selling, marrying and giving in marriage. They are blind to the fact that this event ushered in the beginning of the end of the "times of the Gentiles" (Luke 21:24). Many people shrugged it off as just another readjustment caused by World War II, but in the plan of Him whose kingdom rules over all, it was one of the main causes of World War II. The war shuffled world conditions into a favorable position for the end of the age. Russia emerged from the war strong enough to fulfill her role foretold in Ezekiel 38, 39. This war broke down the nationalistic barriers in Europe so the ten-nation union foretold in prophecy could form. The atrocities committed during the war shocked world Jewry into fulfilling God's will by giving them a fanatical desire for a national home.

This is an example of how the omnipotent God can make all things work according to His will. For nearly 1,900 years they were complacent in their adopted countries. When God's clock of prophecy ticked to the predestined hour, Hitler and the war quickly changed this complacency into desperation. They crowded every old ship they could buy to the utmost capacity and flocked to the Promised Land. When the English navy stopped them at the three-mile limit many leaped into the sea and tried to swim ashore. For many centuries while God's sentence of dispersion was upon them there was no incentive for them to go back. Now that the "times of the Gentiles" was nearing the end and the time for the Scriptures to be fulfilled

had arrived, God made the Promised Land as alluring to thousands of them as it was to their forefathers who had followed Moses out of Egypt.

The aforesaid old man, who kissed the soil of Israel, had, according to God's promise, been brought up from the Jewish "grave" in Yemen. At first, the Zionist leaders did not believe that there was a group of exiled Jews who had been buried from sight on the southern extremity of the Arabian peninsula. Investigation proved that they were full-blooded Jews who had kept the scrolls of the Hebrew Scriptures zealously for centuries.

The Jew is one of God's greatest miracles. Although "buried" among the nations for almost two millenniums the nations have not been able to digest or assimilate them. Without a national home and without a ruler, they have been banished from country after country—disfranchised, segregated in ghettos, hounded, persecuted, and slain. They have wandered from country to country, from continent to continent, yet they are a full-blooded distinct race, a most peculiar people. Without the direct providence of God, they would have lost their identity in the stream of humanity. God has reserved for them in the near future their greatest glory. One of the most prominent pro-

phetic assurances in God's Word is the assurance that when the "times of the Gentiles" has come to an end and the fullness of the gentiles be come in (Romans 11:25), Israel's dispersion will end and they will be gathered to their homeland. The Davidic Covenant will be fulfilled (2 Samuel 7:16; Luke 1:32) and for 1,000 years, during the literal kingdom of heaven that they have looked for so long, they will see their greatest glory.

The "times of the Gentiles" began in 606 B.C. when the Jews went into captivity into Babylon, and will end when Christ, at His second coming, crushes the Antichrist and his ten-nation confederacy (Daniel 2:44; Revelation 19:19-21).

The fullness of the gentiles began with the gospel age when salvation by faith was offered to the gentiles. During the gospel age, God has gathered from the gentiles a people for His name. The fullness of the gentiles will end when those in Christ are raptured, at least seven years before the "times of the Gentiles" ends. According to the Scriptures there has to be a Jewish nation back in the homeland besieged by at least ten gentile nations when the "times of the Gentiles" ends (Zechariah 14:2, 3; Revelation 17:12-14).



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Doctors Criticized for Prescribing Beverage Alcohol

Physicians don't need to prescribe beverage alcohol for ailments, a Pennsylvania doctor told a Methodist youth conference at Adrian, Michigan. "For every possible medicinal use of beverage alcohol, better and safer drugs are now available," Dr. F. E. Murdock, of DuBols, Pennsylvania, said in an address to the fifth national Youth School of Alcohol Studies and Christian Action. Ninety-three youth leaders and adult counselors from 30 states attended the school. Besides listening to lectures, they participated in workshops and discussion groups dealing with alcohol education and the problem of overcoming pressures that lead to drinking.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The House Ways and Means Committee approved a bill to extend for two years the period in which ministers, missionaries and members of religious orders may elect social security coverage. The new deadline for the clergy ordained prior to April 15, 1957, to elect social security coverage will be April 15, 1959.

BERLIN—A "progressive" Protestant publication in East Germany has admitted editorially that only a small number of Protestant pastors are actively cooperating with the Soviet Zone political parties and even this number is steadily decreasing. The Protestant faith predominates in East Germany, in contrast to West Germany where Roman Catholics are in the majority. (The periodical quoted is *Faith and Conscience*, a monthly launched in 1955 by a small group of clergymen and theologians who have tried to rally East German Christians behind the Communist

regime. One of the group is Professor Emil Fuchs, of Leipzig University, father of Klaus Fuchs, convicted atom spy now serving a prison term in England.)

In Russia, according to the Moscow Radio, a "Christian Youth Rally" was held at a Russian Orthodox monastery for the benefit of participants in the recent World Youth Festival. The Vatican Radio had charged that the Youth Festival was a political activity designed to propagate Communist ideologies. The Moscow Radio denied the charge, and pointed to the special religious services as proof that the event was not anti-religious. Young Jews from Israel had a tearful meeting with Russian Jews in the Moscow Central Synagogue. Ninety Israeli delegates to the Youth Festival turned up at the synagogue for the Sabbath service. The freshly painted building was overflowing with Russian Jews who came out to meet the visitors. They besieged the visitors with kisses, hugs and questions about Israel. Thousands of Russian Jews reportedly streamed into Moscow from surrounding towns and villages in hopes of meeting the delegates and getting news about relatives and friends living in Israel.

Survey Reports That 60,000 People in U.S. Smoke

The Department of Agriculture has added its name to the long roster of those who have something to say about cigaret smoking. But it doesn't have a word to say about filters, heart disease or cancer.

In a report labeled "Tobacco Smoking in the United States in Relation to Income," the Agriculture Department says a 1955 survey shows tobacco smokers in the U.S.

and overseas armed forces numbered 60,000,000 people 18 years or older.

Among the civilian non-institutional population, about 51,500,000 are regular or occasional smokers, the report states. About six out of ten men and three out of ten women in the country smoke cigarettes. About one out of five men smokes cigars and one out of six smokes pipes.

Other highlights of the report: A larger proportion of men in the 30-40 age group are cigaret smokers than is true for other age groups.

The proportion of men smokers in age groups above 50 tends to decline with age.

The majority of cigaret smokers consume 10 to 20 cigarettes a day.

Nearly a fourth of the women in the population smoke cigarettes regularly, with the proportion rising among female wage earners.

University Professor Warns Against Plague of Alcoholism

Dr. Andrew C. Ivy, chairman of the department of clinical sciences at the University of Illinois, warned that if America does not sober up and cut down on its drinking habits the plague of alcoholism will reach every family in the country. In a speech at American University, Washington, D. C., before the Second Annual Institute of Scientific Studies for the Prevention of Alcoholism, Dr. Ivy said that one drinker out of every nine will ultimately become an alcoholic. The research scientist contended that eight million of the estimated sixty million Americans who drink regularly have become "problem drinkers." He said more than 200,000 new alcoholics are appearing in this country every year, and that at the present rate "every family in America will be plagued by one or more alcoholics."

When a majority of families are confronted with the problem of alcoholism and its effects, Dr. Ivy said, a demand for reform is sure to be born. He predicted that by 1970 a new move toward prohibition laws will get under way.

NASHVILLE, Tennessee — According to the *Southern Baptist Handbook*, "Mr. Average American" spends only 5c a day for religious and welfare causes. In contrast to this nickel, each day he spends 9c for tobacco, 15c for alcoholic beverages, 22c for recreation, 58c for transportation including foreign travel, 59c for taxes, \$1.12 for food and \$2.30 for other household expenses such as rent, clothing, savings, medical and miscellaneous expense.

**"N.A.E. Week" Observance
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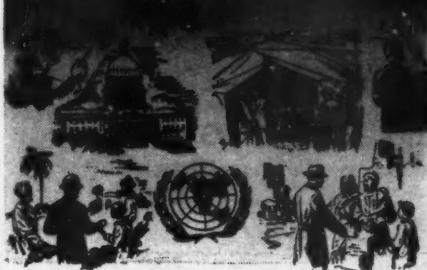
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stress the growth and development of the N.A.E. since its inception in 1942. Attention will be called to the fact that the N.A.E. has stayed true to its aim of providing spiritual unity without organizational union and spiritual fellowship without ecclesiastical domination.

The N.A.E. has grown considerably in its field of service. Starting from seven proposed activity areas at the founding convention, the N.A.E. at the present time provides services for evangelicals extending into nearly twenty areas. Some of these are Christian education, social action, world relief, Sunday School, church extension, and home and foreign missions. These activity areas are continually being expanded.

Churches planning to observe "N.A.E. Week" should write to their regional N.A.E. office or the headquarters office in Wheaton, Illinois, for free material including bulletin covers or inserts, descriptive folders, offering envelopes and a pastor's handbook of information.

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Teen-Agers Participate in Denmark Youth Congress

Among 110 North American delegates who participated in the Ninth World Congress on Youth Evangelism in Copenhagen, Denmark, August 4-11, were 34 teen-agers, according to an announcement made by Youth for Christ president Ted W. Engstrom. Among these were the five-member winning Bible Quiz team from Minneapolis, and the winners in the national preaching and gospel music contests held in conjunction with the Youth for Christ national convention competition held at Winona Lake, Indiana, early in July.

Each teen-age representative at the Copenhagen Congress was responsible to an adult "sponsor" and each shared in the Congress activities in music, testimony, and demonstration of the YFC Bible Club activities and program.

Also in attendance at the Congress were several hundred European teen-age students who learned approaches and techniques in teen-age evangelism. In addition, hundreds of European Christian youth leaders, pastors and Christian workers shared in the Congress activities.

Following the Congress the delegates are helping to conduct youth crusades and are sharing in such evangelistic endeavors as radio broadcasts, tract distribution, and open-air meetings in more than fifteen northern European centers.

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